



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

St. George's Church
Glenn Dale Parish
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
January 28, 2024

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #535 *Ye servants of God*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Paderborn, from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765.
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Ye ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a-broad
God rul-eth on high, al-might-y to save; and still he is nigh:
Sal-va-tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a-loud,
Then let us a-dore, and give him his right: All glo-ry and power,



his won-der-ful Name; The Name all vic-to-rious of Je-sus ex-tol:
his pres-ence we have. The great con-gre-ga-tion his tri-umph shall sing,
and hon-or the Son. The prais-es of Je-sus the an-gels pro-claim,
all wis-dom and might, and hon-or and bless-ing, with an-gels a-bove



his king-dom is glo-rious; he rules o-ver all.
as-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus our King.
fall down on their fa-ces, and wor-ship the Lamb.
and thanks nev-er-ceas-ing and in-fi-nite love.

Celebrant: Christ is our everlasting light.

People: **And God is our glory.**

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

All pray together: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria: My Heart Sings Out #80 *The Light of Christ*

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The light of Christ has come in - to the world. The
The light of Christ has come in - to the world.
light of Christ has come in - to the world. world.
The light of Christ has come come.

The image shows a musical score for a Gloria. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system has lyrics: 'The light of Christ has come in - to the world. The'. The second system has lyrics: 'The light of Christ has come in - to the world.'. The third system has lyrics: 'light of Christ has come in - to the world. world.' and 'The light of Christ has come come.' There are first and second endings marked with '1.' and '2.' above the notes.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day:

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal Jesus as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people may be seated

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord. I will thank you O Lord with all my heart:

in the company of the upright in their assembly.

Great are your works O Lord:

and to be studied by all who delight in them.

Your deeds are full of majesty and splendor:

and your righteousness endures for ever.

You have caused your marvelous acts to be remembered:

you Lord are gracious and full of compassion.

You give food to those who fear you:

you keep your covenant always in mind.

You have shown your people your power in action:

by giving them the lands of other nations.

The works of your hands are faithful and just:

and all your precepts are trustworthy.

They stand fast for ever and ever:

they are grounded in truth and justice.

You sent redemption to your people, you decreed your eternal covenant:

holy and awesome is your name.

The fear of you O Lord is the beginning of wisdom,

those who revere you have good understanding:

your praise shall endure for ever.

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #536 *Open your ears, O faithful people* verses 1-2

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O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears then let them hear.



O - pen your hearts O roy-al priest-hood, God has come to you.
They who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.



God has spo-ken to his peo-ple, Hal-le - lu - jah! And his words are



words of wis-dom, Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! God has spo-ken to his peo-ple,



Hal-le - lu - jah! And his words are words of wis-dom, Hal-le - lu - jah!

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching-- with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

The Creed: *We believe in God the Father*

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Music: *Stuttgart* from *Psalmody Sacra, oder Andachtige und Schone Gesange* 1715; adapted by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

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1. We be-lieve in God the Fa-ther, God al - might - y, by whose plan
We be-lieve in Christ the Sa-rior, Son of God in hu - man frame,
2. Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,
We be-lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's king to rule and reign
3. We be-lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:
So by faith, our sins for - gi - ven, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,



1. earth and hea - ven sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan.
vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.
2. suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he de - scend - ed to the dead.
to the Fa - ther's side a - scend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
3. saints of God in one com - mun - ion, one in ho - li - ness and love.
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

The Prayers of the People

As we celebrate the coming of the One who brings the reign of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs, saying, **Hear us, God of light.**

Loving God, the sun and moon, stars and galaxies shine with your love for all you have made. That our life together may be a celebration of your good creation, we pray, saying, **Hear us, God of light.**

Loving God, we are grateful that you continue to pour out the gift of your Spirit on your church. For Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the people of St. George's, that we may truly embody the presence of your Son Jesus, we pray, saying, **Hear us, God of light.**

Loving God, though we divide ourselves by country and language, religion and ethnicity, we know that your light shines on all people. That those who lead may act ways that reconcile rather than divide, we pray, saying, **Hear us, God of light.**

Loving God, your love and care shines into our lives, calling us to act as your hands and heart in the places we live. That we may work on behalf of your justice and live more fully into your call to respect the dignity of every human being, we pray, saying, **Hear us, God of light.**

Loving God, you bring healing where there is illness, hope where there is despair, life where there is death. May we be your willing hands and feet, carrying the gifts of your love to those in need. We pray for those who are poor and those who are hungry; we pray for those in need and those who have no safe place to lay their heads. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and for those whom we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray, saying, **Hear us, God of light.**

Loving God, you make for each of us a dwelling place eternal, so that where you are, there we will be also. For all those who have died, that they may go from strength to strength in your presence, we pray, saying, **Hear us, God of light.**

Loving God, because of your grace we have much to celebrate. We thank you for those remembering birthdays and anniversaries, and for all of the gifts and blessings we experience. For all that we have and all that we are, we give thanks to you, saying, **Hear us, God of light.**

O God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers and all of the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one who brings your light, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Now let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

All pray together: **God of steadfastness and mercy, we confess that we love the works of darkness more than your light. We have sought to satisfy our deepest longings through material things of creation rather than through you, our Creator. We are quick to judge others, yet we fail to see our own failings. We ignore the cries of the poor, and grow weary of working for justice. Forgive and restore us, O God; let your Holy Spirit move in us and inspire us to walk in the light of Christ, this day and always. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Offertory

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering holy and acceptable to God.

Offertory Hymn: Gather #642 Healer of Our Every Ill

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Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

You who know our fears and sad - ness, Grace us with your
In the pain and joy be - hold - ing, How your grace is
Give us strength to love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry sis - ter,
You who know each thought and feel - ing, Teach us all your

peace and glad - ness, Spir - it of all com - fort: fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, Give us all your vi - sion: God of love.
ev - 'ry bro - ther, Spir - it of all kind - ness: be our guide.
way of heal - ing, Spir - it of com - pas - sion: fill each heart.

Although St. George's no longer physically "passes the basket" everyone is invited and encouraged to make a financial offering to express your gratitude to God for the gifts we are given and in support of our mission and ministries. We encourage you to give electronically; you can text stgeodragon to 72356. (Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.) Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. You may also donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn in voices of unending praise:

Sanctus: Gather #144 *Holy, holy, holy*

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and earth are full of your



glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God, who sets the table of creation and invites us to feast with you in a cosmic celebration of love. We thank you for Jesus, whose life, prayer and ministry opens our eyes to the glory of life and fuels our hunger for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

We thank you for Christ's passionate solidarity with the suffering of all the earth; for as he bore in his own body the wounds of creation, he embraced us in our brokenness and gathered us into his wholeness so that we might know ourselves beloved and serve with him as priests forever in an all-embracing eucharist.

Blessed is our brother Jesus, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh; who, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to the disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper had ended, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, here in this place, we celebrate the life that death could not hold, the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries and shares with us now.

Made one with him, and thus one with each other we lay before you these gifts of bread and wine, in token of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Come and brood over these bodily things, this bread and this wine. May they be for us the body and blood of Christ; healing, renewing and making us whole.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Come and embrace us with your life-giving power that as bread and wine are made one with us, we may become one with you; bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Come and make of your gathered people the real presence of Christ for the world, living our prayer and praying our life till earth and heaven are reconciled, and all people know themselves held in your embrace of love.

Glory be to you, O God, Mother of all Creation, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; as in the beginning, so now, and forever. Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: The Living Christ is in our midst, and so with Christ we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken. After a time of silence, all sing together

Fraction Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #S 155 *Christ our Passover*

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant: Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.



If you would prefer not to receive the Eucharist, you are welcome to come up for a blessing – cross your hands to your shoulders to indicate this to the priest.

LEVAS #151 *One Bread, One Body*

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One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all, one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And
we, though man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.

D.S.

Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free, wo-man or man no more. One
Man - y the gifts, man - y the works, one in the Lord of all. One
Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown, gath-ered to one for all. One

Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #58 *The Lord Is My Light*

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The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion,
the Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion; whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life;
whom shall I fear? In the time of trou-ble, He shall hide me, O, in the time of trou-ble,
He shall hide me, in the time of trou-ble, He shall hide me, whom shall I fear?

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray: **Generous and nourishing God, in word and bread and wine we have celebrated the mysteries of your love: As we go forth into the world, we ask you to assist us with your grace, that we may live as signs of your wonders in the world, loving one another and sharing your light wherever we go, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Announcements

The Blessing

Let us go forth in light to honor our God and share what we know of the risen Christ.

And now may God strengthen you and bless you with peace. **Amen.**

May Christ Jesus bring justice for you and among you. **Amen.**

And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved, this day and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #490 *I want to walk as a child of the light*

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I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to see the bright - ness of God. I want to look at Je - sus.
I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
Clear sun of righteous-ness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Light of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**